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SAMPLE NON-MEDICAL ASSESSMENT NARRATIVE SUMMARY

From: Commanding Officer, Marine Air Support Squadron
 To: Physical Evaluation Board

NON-MEDICAL ASSESSMENT; CASE OF SGT _____ (SSN/MOS) USMC

(a) Medical Board Notification ICO: SGT _____

- (1) Orders to Survival Escape Resistance Evasion (SERE) School
- (2) SERE Medical Screening Form

1. Per the guidelines established in the reference, the following information is provided:

a. Sgt _____ is currently serving in a billet appropriate for a Marine of his rank and level of training. Sgt _____ is very capable of performing his MOS duties associated with his position. In a field environment, these duties involve map reading and plotting, intelligence preparation of the battlefield, and briefings. The above mentioned duties are normally carried out in a tent, without prolonged standing or strenuous physical activity. His job is sedentary, physically not demanding, essentially an office job. Most recently, Sgt _____ deployed to 29 Palms, CA for a Combined Arms Exercise (11 Apr-2 May 1996) and did his job well. His condition did not impair him from doing his job whatsoever.

b. His physical condition has from time-to-time prevented him from participating in physical fitness events; i.e., PT and conditioning hikes. Generally, he is excused from the events after he has sought a Medical Revised Duty Status Chit. In the opinion of those Marines who have daily contact with him, his physical condition appears to manifest itself more often when the situation serves his personal interests. For example, SERE School is an interesting assignment for a Marine with an intelligence background and one he asked to attend. Enclosure (1) is a copy of Sgt _____ orders to SERE School in Dec _____. I find it inconceivable that a Marine with his prevailing limited condition could only several months ago complete such a rigorous course of instruction. He not only completed the school successfully... he excelled. This particular SERE School is conducted in mountainous terrain and involves extensive fieldwork and is physically demanding! COMNAVAIRPACINST 3131.1N outlines the requirements for SERE School and states: (1) personnel must be medically screened for SERE School to identify and exclude from training those individuals with medical or psychological problems; (2) the SERE School candidate must be examined and found physically qualified for full duty; and (3) all candidates must meet Navy/Marine Corps physical readiness standards. (He scored 276 on the PFT which is high first class.) Enclosure (2) is the SERE Medical Screening Form where Sgt _____ admitted to "good health" and was found

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physically qualified by a doctor.

c. Sgt _____ does not have any pending disciplinary or administrative action that could result in an unfavorable separation from the service.

d. Sgt _____ was recently married to a Marine who separated from the Marine Corps in April 1996. I believe this has compounded his interest to leave the Marine Corps.

2. In my non-medical mind, I do believe Sgt _____ suffers from some form of back pain on occasion. I do not necessarily believe it is debilitating. His record over the past 6 months clearly supports this. He scores well on the PFT (Dec 1995), he successfully completed a demanding SERE School curriculum (Dec 1995) and he deployed to the field and performed his MOS (April 1996). I only wish all my Marines could do so well. Sgt _____ is a good Marine, does a good job in his MOS and contributes immeasurably to this Squadron's mission.

CO's Signature

NOTE:

1. The medical board has the responsibility to document the medical status of Sailors and Marines by describing the nature and severity of their medical conditions in the MEB report. The PEB function is to determine the service member's Fitness to continue naval service.
2. COs play a vital role in assisting the PEB to make the proper Fit or Unfit determination. The CO and senior command personnel are in the unique position to provide valuable information as to how the service member's physical and/or mental condition(s), as reported in the MEB report affect the member's ability to function on a daily basis. The purpose of the NMA is to provide the PEB with those insights.
3. The NMA narrative summary is to be completed by the CO. It reports his/her observations and those of other senior command personnel as to how the service member's medical impairments have or have not impacted on the member's ability to function within the command. The NMA should describe how well the member performs military duties; i.e., MOS/rating duties, field duties or exercises, participation in the PRT/PFT etc. Comment on what the member can or cannot do. Equally important is a description of the member's off-duty social and athletic activities. How have these activities been affected by the member's medical impairments?